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## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 11, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 11, 2005, and for which a Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith, extending the period for response to expire on November 14, 2005 (November 11, 2005 being a Federal holiday and November 12, 2005 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.